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Remarks

In view of the following discussion, the applicants submit that none of the claims now pending in the application are anticipated under the provisions of 35 U. S. C. § 102, or obvious under the provisions of 35 U. S. C. § 103. Thus, the applicants believe that all of these claims are in allowable form.

REJECTIONS**A. 35 U. S. C. § 102**

Claims 1-2 and 4-7 are not anticipated by Hamano et al.

Claims 1-2 and 4-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Hamano et al. (U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0164679 published September 4, 2003). The applicants submit that these claims are not anticipated by this reference.

With reference to the figures of the present application claim 1 is directed to a lighting or image display panel comprising a substrate carrying:

an electroluminescent organic layer partitioned into electroluminescent cells 21 and inserted between two electrode layers of which one is transparent and the other opaque, each cell 21 corresponding to a crossing region of one electrode of each electrode layer,

a layer 3 of light extractors operating by reflection, each extractor 31 being made from transparent material and being bounded/limited by a light entry interface 32 optically coupled to the electroluminescent layer via the said transparent electrode layer, by a light exit interface 33 directed towards the outside of the display panel, and by side walls 34 forming reflecting